

Parks and Recreation Department

March 2023 Report

Recreation Programs

- Youth recreational activities offered during the month included:
 - Art Academy – 4-week session
 - Dungeons & Dragons
 - Dance Classes- 6-week sessions
 - Grandparent and Me art class - Irish Me.
 - Rev Sports Basketball 4-week session
 - Spring Break Field Trips
 - Edinborough Park
 - MN Children’s Museum
 - Zero Gravity Outing
- Adult recreational activities held during the month included:
 - North Metro Volleyball League – Women
 - North Metro Volleyball League – Co-rec
 - Pickleball Skills Class
 - Knitting Class
 - Crocheting Class
 - Social Media Classes
 - Yoga
 - Zumba
 - Mature Driver Courses-4-hour Refresher and 8- hour first time student
 - Walking/Fitness Challenge with Mounds View
 - Jeff Sandino Cooking Class
 - Appraise Your Antiques Class
 - Book, Bingo and Card Clubs

Summer Catalog has been mailed and all programs are open for registration.

Parks

- Able Park Building reconstruction project – March saw the completion of bathroom tiles and fixtures, water heater installation, window ledges, staining of the wood panels, kitchen cabinet counter top
- All raised garden beds have been reserved for the summer.
- Playground replacement parts have been ordered for repairs.

Tower Days - June 8-11, 2023

- Thursday events: parade, 3k fun run, city wide garage sale
- Friday events: Hayride, Puzzlepalooza, Senior 500 Card Tournament
- Saturday events: SLP Lions bingo at the park, concessions Lori Dokken and friends, Jonah and the Whales, fireworks
- Sponsorship is still available, contact recinfo@slpmn.org
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30pm in City Hall. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Kay at kokey@slpmn.org
- As events and activities are confirmed, they will be posted on www.slprec.org website.

Parks & Recreation Commission

- Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. If interested in joining, please visit our website for additional details on the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner. <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/volunteer-0>
- The Commission will schedule their monthly meetings during the summer months at the parks so they may do onsite park and program reviews.

Department Activity

- Staff have been reconnecting with community senior living apartments and facilities to promote our programs to their residents.
- Staff is continuing to hire for seasonal help – softball umpires and playground staff.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
 - City Council session
 - Department Head meeting
 - City Hall renovation meetings
 - Construction meetings on Able Park Building
 - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
 - Tower Days Planning Meeting

Upcoming Activities

- Youth Softball Registrations – still openings to get youth involved
- Red Cross Babysitting Class – April 29
- Registration open for the following extended tours
 - Branson
 - Collette Tours – Sunny Portugal, Costa Rica, Holland, Hawaii